

“Who And Who’s You Are” Special Guest Charyle Touchton ,

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The following is an excerpt
from a journal entry of May
7th:

My job on the streets of America is to love God with my entire mind, heart, soul, and strength and let that love bubble up and pour over every person I meet. Knowing and doing that are two different things. It is sometimes a challenge to love God with my entire mind when my mind whirls with uncertainty about what lies around the next corner. Loving God with my entire heart grows difficult when I let my heart be damaged by damaged people. It is impossible to love God with my entire soul when my soul craves what is out of my reach. I can forget to love God with my entire strength when my body is made uncomfortable by the demands of God’s calling. When I allow earthly distractions to interfere with loving God, the babbling brook that represents my love for others dams up and stops flowing. The only answer is for me to stop trying to solve every difficulty and turn my entire attention back to loving God with all that I am.

On those days when I manage to love God with most of my imperfect being, I notice beauty and peek around the next corner with anticipation. I recognize damaged hearts even as they

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[a] hurl unfair, untrue, or cruel words about my Savior or occasionally me. I’m able to minister to a heart instead of reacting or taking harsh or ugly words personally. I accept the blessings God gives today and trust that they are not only enough, they are abundant. I serve God with the strength I have and He multiplies it and pours it out on the world the same way He fed 5000 with just a few loaves and fishes. When I love with the heart of Jesus, people want to know more of the Jesus who creates such love. My love for God grows as I witness the power of that love in their lives and suddenly, I have more love to offer to the world.

When the “who” of me becomes a Christ-follower seeking the Mind of Christ and the “whose” of me is God’s beloved, forgiven child, I can walk on water, move mountains, and say to the wind, “peace be still.” That kind of power is available to you if you want it. Who and whose are you?

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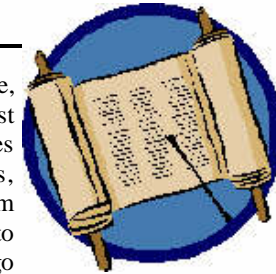


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...with Pastor John Simpkins

“Progressing From Passover To Tabernacles” (Teaching Sketch)
Hebrews 6:1-3 (NIV)



The writer of this epistle, having established that Christ is better in all things (Moses and the Law, angels, sacrifices, etc.) instructs them not to get 'stuck there, but to go on to perfection. To go back to an inferior thing (the Old Covenant), would say that He was insufficient for salvation!

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Let's examine the Old Covenant Feasts and connect them with the Christians spiritual experience.

There were 3 main feast which Israel celebrated: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles.

Passover

There are many types in this feast. I will give only the highlights.

They were to use unleavened bread. Leaven is symbolic of sin and this speaks of Jesus the sinless bread of life which we partake of in communion.

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The sacrificial lamb clearly is a type of Jesus as the Lamb of God, slain for our sins. The blood of the lamb was applied to the door of the house. His blood must be applied to our life to be effective for redemption.

They left Egypt and we leave the worldly life and begin our walk with God.

Pentecost

Known also as the Feast of Weeks, it celebrates the Law being given. At Sainai, God wanted everyone to hear His voice personally so He could write His Law on their hearts, but the people ran in fear. Thus the Law had to be given on stone tablets and applied outwardly.

Pentecost is a leavened feast. They were to wave two leavened wheat loaves, baked (Leviticus 23:15-17). The fire of baking stops the action

Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

Scripture: Hebrews 6:1-3 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

¹Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death,^[a] and of faith in God, ²instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³And God permitting, we will do so.

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¹Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

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Or from useless rituals

²Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
³And this will we do, if God permit.

NOTICE

A person with an experience is never at the mercy of a person with an argument.

Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship** (*Offerings are placed in the basket at this time*)
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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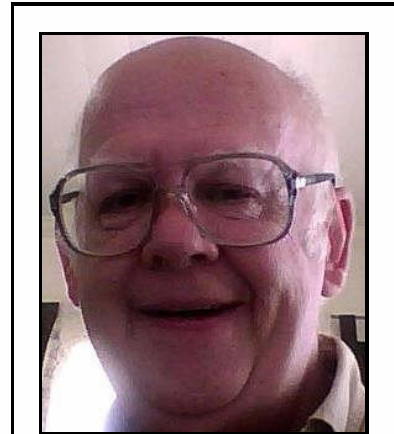


of leaven (sin) in our life; we still have sin in us, but the Holy Spirit (and His fire) deals with that daily.

two feasts unto Tabernacles and receive our inheritance - our new body and all that is promised to us.

Tabernacles

Also known as the Feast of Weeks and Succoth, this feast commemorates the years in the wilderness. As a fall feast, it is connected with the feasts of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement. They were to dwell in booths made of living branches showing that we are living 'booths' during our wilderness journey in life; we are 'living stones' in the new Temple that God is building for the New Jerusalem.



The Sojourner's Note:

Pastor Simpkins contributed today's message. He sold his car before leaving New Jersey to return to Hawaii* as he did not want to ship it. He is there starting a new 'Sojourner's Fellowship' He is very much enjoying walking and riding "TheBus" to meet people.

Please Keep him, in your prayers!

*(I know he wants me to spell it Hawai'i. It seems he was a good choice to be in Hawai'i since he speaks the Hawaiian language.)

It is significant that Jesus gave His promise of 'living waters' flowing from us on the 8th day of Tabernacles in John 7:37-39. The 'earnest' of the Spirit will become the full measure of God's Spirit in us at the time of the Second Coming. Having received our new bodies (tabernacle), we will rule with Him having only His mind.

Therefore, in our walk as Christians, let us not get stuck in journey, but be willing to go beyond the first